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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/722,600	Applicant(s) IKEDA ET AL.	
	Examiner Rita Leykin	Art Unit 2837	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Futami et al. US # 5,229,693.

With respect to claims 1-4, 6, 7 Futami et al. teach a driving control apparatus wherein Fig. 1 shows:

- An inverter bridge circuit having transistor switches Q1-Q6;
- A smoothing capacitor 4 connected parallel to the source of direct current supply converter 3, wherein transistor switches Q1-Q6 converting direct current from converter 3 into alternating current to supply multiple phase motor 6;
- A control circuit 10, equipped with a chopper signal generating section 17 and driving signal generating section 12;

With respect to claim 1, in column 11, lines 18-46 Futami et al. teach a device including a brushless motor equipped with an inverter circuit for rectifying an AC power source voltage, converting the rectified voltage into a multiphase voltage having a predetermined frequency by ON/OFF operations of switching transistors Q1-Q6, and

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outputting the multiphase voltage as an excitation voltage to the brushless motor. The timed driving signal for inverter circuit is generated based on detected rotor position signal. The duty cycle is controlled in accordance with difference between the actual rotational speed of the rotor and designated rotational speed. When the detected rotational speed does not reach a predetermined designated speed Futami et al. teach an advancing a phase of the driving signal even when the duty is not less than a preset value. That reads on applicant's predetermined phase difference for each switching element, as in claims 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

With respect to claim 5 Futami et al teach in col. 5, lines 55-57 that disclosed apparatus is a part of compressor control system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita Leykin whose telephone number is (571)272-2066. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on (571)272-2800 ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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